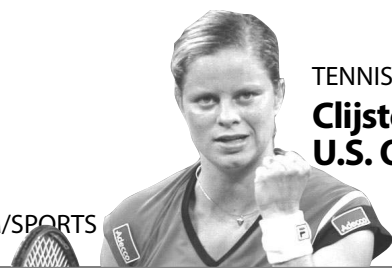


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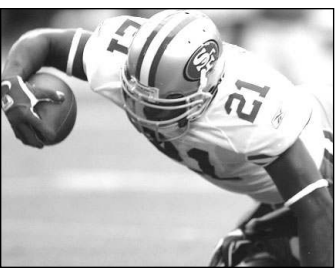
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10 a.m. — U.S. Open, women's doubles championship, at New York (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — U.S. Open, men's singles championship, at New York (CBS)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at San Diego Padres (FSN)

Schedule subject to change and/or blackout.

QUICK READ

SERENA WILLIAMS FINED \$10,000

NEW YORK — Serena Williams was fined \$10,000 Sunday for a profanity-laced tirade directed at a U.S. Open line judge, and an investigation is under way to determine whether there should be additional punishment.

The \$10,000 penalty — not quite 3 percent of the \$350,000 in prize money Williams earned by reaching the semifinals at Flushing Meadows — is the maximum on-site fine that can be issued for unsportsmanlike conduct at a Grand Slam tournament.

The U.S. Open said in a statement that the Grand Slam Committee Administrator will "determine if the behavior of Ms. Williams warrants consideration as a major offense for which additional penalties can be imposed."

Williams, who was the defending champion, also was docked \$500 for smashing her racket after the first set of what became a 6-4, 7-5 loss to Kim Clijsters on Saturday night.

SUZUKI SETS MARK WITH 200-HIT SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ichiro Suzuki has become the first player in major league history with at least 200 hits in nine straight seasons.

The Seattle Mariners' right fielder set the mark with an infield single in the second inning of the nightcap of doubleheader against the Texas Rangers. In his second at-bat of the game, Suzuki beat out a slow roller to shortstop Elvis Andrus to break a tie with Willie Keeler, who did it for eight consecutive seasons (1894-1901).

Suzuki received a standing ovation from the sparse crowd, stepping off first base and doffing his batting helmet to thank the fans.

In the first game, Suzuki went 1 for 4 with an RBI double into the left-field corner in the third to come within one of the record.

— Associated Press

KNIGHTS CROSS COUNTRY

JV runners earn bump to varsity

By DAVID BELL
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An unusual set-up for a cross country race resulted in a varsity shake-up for the Fighting Knights.

Havasu traveled to Prescott to take part in the Bradshaw Mountain Invitational. And instead of full teams running against each other, runners were divided by rankings on their teams and by grades for the JV.

"There are four varsity races, all based on position. For the team score they add all seven varsity heat times, not points, so I'm not sure how Havasu did," said Knights head coach Erika Washington.

What she did know though is that three of her freshmen runners won medals for finishing in the top of the respective races.

Andrea Somishka finished in eighth place in the JV Grade 9-10 race in a time of 21:24 and Casey

Wilson was 18th in that same race in 22:28. Those finishes earned both a bump up to the varsity team for the next race.

The other medalist — freshman Jeanette Campos — finished 11th in the varsity 6-7 race in a time of 21:01.

On the boys' side, two JV runners earned a promotion varsity with their performance Saturday. Tristan Jandrew finished 22nd in a time of 20:48 in the JV 9-10 race and In-Hyub Jeon was 21st in a time of 21:03 in JV 11-12.

"It was a challenging meet, with a high elevation and a lot of kids noticed it was tougher to breathe," said Washington. "Plus the level of competition was very high. Some of our kids did well, some struggled, but being this was our first race some are learning how to pace themselves."

Havasu's top runner, Lynsey Ryan, was coming off illness dur-

ing the week and finished in 13th place in the Varsity 1 race in a time of 20:07. And Connor Kassik, the boys' No. 1 coming out of the intersquad Watermelon Race two weeks ago, finished in 23rd in the boys Varsity 1 race in a time of 19:56.

However, he was bumped from the team's No. 1 spot by newcomer Kyle Staples, who finished the Varsity 2-3 race in 32nd place in 19:27. Anthony Smith also ran that race in 20:47 for a 39th place finish.

On the girls side, Rita Bybee moves up to the team's No. 2 spot with a 25th place finish in the Varsity 2-3 race in a time of 21:28 and Hanna Henson was 28th in that race in a time of 21:50.

The Knights return home this week, racing a traditional meet at Windsor Beach 4 at Lake Havasu State Park Wednesday. Starting gun goes off at 4 p.m.



David Bell/News-Herald File Photo

Havasu's Hanna Henson runs to the finish line just ahead of teammate Rita Bybee during the intersquad Watermelon Run at Lake Havasu State Park Sept. 2.



David Bell/News-Herald Photo

Havasu's Patrick "Alvin" Harris gets ready to swing during Special Olympics softball in Kingman Saturday. Harris had a single in the Havasu Blazers 10-2 win over the Route 66 Special Olympics team.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Havasu Blazers split for silver

By DAVID BELL
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KINGMAN —

The Lake Havasu City Blazers went 1-1 in softball play Saturday to capture the silver medal in the final area meet before the state Special Olympics games in October.

Havasu lost the opening game 9-7 to host Kingman then rebounded to defeat the Route 66 Thunderbirds 10-2 in the silver medal game at Kingman's Community Park.

Havasu's winning game was sparked by a three-run homer in the first inning by Orlando Matias, knocking in Ron Allen and Nicole Haskell.

The Blazers then piled it on in the third and final inning with an RBI single by Christopher Orey, a two-RBI single by Matias and Haskell popping a double that brought in two more runs. Justin Gooley capped the big inning with a two-run homer.

The Route 66 Thunderbirds are a newly organized youth Special Olympics team in Kingman and Saturday's games were their first real competitive tournament.

Game 1 against Kingman was a back-and-forth affair, as Havasu got off to the early lead thanks to manufacturing runs via singles by Kristen Mathews, Patrick "Alvin" Harris, Matias, Gooley and Haskell. Jeff Cowell also walked in one of the four runs in the inning.

Kingman countered with three in the bottom half of the inning off Havasu starting pitcher Jackie Wirz, and tied the game with one run off reliever Matias in the second.

Havasu regained the lead in the third with three runs off singles by Thomas Gooley, Allen, Mathews and a double by Matias.

But Kingman's big bats took the lead for good in the bottom half of the inning. Scott Castine

smacked a two-run homer and Brandon Morehouse had a three run homer to give Kingman the 9-7 win.

"We had some strong hits and we're really coming together as a team," said Havasu head coach Rhonda Stansberry. "I've advanced a few of the skills players up to the team. And they're working hard and getting better."

While all local area tournaments for the spring/summer season are now completed until the Special Olympics Arizona Fall Games in mid-October, practices will continue in softball, swimming, golf and bocce.

Bowling, placed in a separate season, continues practice and the first area tournament will take place Oct. 3 at Havasu Lanes.

For further information about Special Olympics, contact Chris Bergen, Mohave/La Paz Counties Area Director at 680-0052.

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MLB

Michigan returns to Top 25

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After a season on the outs, Michigan is back in the AP Top 25.

The Wolverines, unranked all last season while finishing 3-9, were No. 25 in The Associated Press college football poll released Sunday.

Michigan moved into the media ranking for the first time since the end of the 2007 season after a thrilling 38-34 victory against Notre Dame on Saturday. The loss dropped the Fighting Irish out of the rankings.

Florida remained No. 1 after it's second landslide victory. The Gators received 56 first-place votes. Texas is still No. 2, with one first-place vote.

No. 3 Southern California received a first-place vote for the first time this season after Matt Barkley and Trojans used a late-fourth quarter touchdown to rally past Ohio State 18-15 on the road.

The Buckeyes' latest slip up on the big stage — they've lost six straight against top-five teams — cost them three spots in the poll. They dropped to No. 11.

No. 4 Alabama received two first-place votes. Mississippi and Penn State tied for No. 5.

Oklahoma State took the biggest dive. The Cowboys reached the top five last week for the first time in 24 years, but they were upset 45-35 at home by Case Keenum and Houston.

Oklahoma State tumbled 11 places to No. 16.

No. 21 Houston joined Michigan as newcomers to this season's rankings, but unlike the Wolverines it's been years since the Cougars were a Top 25 team.

No. 7 BYU moved up two spots and also has its best ranking in more than a decade. California, LSU and Boise State round out the top 10.

KNIGHTS FOOTBALL

Havasu puts together all the pieces for the win

By DAVID BELL
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Havasu head football coach Karl Thompson has been hoping to see balance from his team this season. All three phases — offense, defense and special teams — pulling together. And that's what he got Friday.

The Fighting Knights' 39-18 win over Avondale La Joya Community showed what his team can do when each component is doing its job.

"We talked about taking two steps forward as a program and I think we did that Friday," Thompson said. "We said all three parts of the game have to do their job and we did that."

The Knights put together their most balanced game of the season in the win, with 441 total offensive yards but no player getting more than 100. Quarterback Doug Greene led the rushing attack with 83 yards and two touchdowns — his fifth and sixth on the season — while running back Blake Garcia contributed 82 yards.

Paul Lake, who played quarterback for the Knights in the first half, ran for 64 yards while running backs



Javaree Thompson and Max Delia each had 29 yards. Delia also scored three times.

The Knights also went to the air more against La Joya than any other team so far this season. Lake was 8-of-13 for 128 yards including a 17-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Holtzen, his second TD catch of the season. Meanwhile Greene was 3-of-3 for 31 yards.

"I think this game you saw a more measured attack from us. We marched down the field a lot, nothing

Havasu's Doug Greene looks to pass against Kingman last week. This week against La Joya, Greene ran for two touchdowns, one of six the Fighting Knights scored in their first win of the season.

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flashy," Thompson said. The offensive guys stepped up and the most important thing is the guys understand their roles.

Defensively, the stops were being made up front.

"And that's a very good thing. We're making plays at the line by the linemen and the linebackers, not the secondary. We're tackling better," said Thompson. "And La Joya had some athletes so we knew we had to show up from beginning to end. And we did that."

Garcia, at linebacker on the defensive side, led the team with seven tackles followed by Dillon Bracamonte with six and at five were linemen Tyler Poggenmeyer and Jesus Mireles and linebacker Joe Twardowski. Lake also had five tackles.

But the biggest news coming out of Friday's game was the turnovers. Havasu was plus three on the game, with Brad Fender and Bracamonte scoring an interception each, and Fender and Garcia each scooping up a fumble.

Havasu, beset by the dropsies in the first two games, gave away the ball just once, a fumble in the red zone late in the first half.

"The guys figured it out. I saw more two-hand covers in this game than the other two," Thompson said. "It's what we've been saying all along, 'do your jobs, do the little things right every time.'"

The Knights stay on the road this coming week, foregoing the bye week in favor of facing the 2A North Point Prep Falcons in Phoenix in a non-region game Friday. It will be the third in a five-game stretch of away contests.